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## **TAMPA BAY DERBY WINNER HELIUM, GOTHAM UPSET HERO WEYBURN AMONG NINE LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, March 31, 2021) – D.J. Stable's** Tampa Bay Derby (Grade II) winner **Helium** along with **Chiefswood Stables'** Gotham upset hero and likely Wood Memorial (GII) entrant **Weyburn** were among nine Thoroughbreds made eligible to compete in the 2021 Triple Crown with a \$6,000 late payment that was due Monday.

With nine late nominees during the Jan. 23-March 29 late nomination phase (pending late mail), there are now 335 horses eligible to compete in the Triple Crown's three race series. The 2021 Triple Crown opens Saturday, May 1 with the 147<sup>th</sup> running of the 1 ¼-mile Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 146<sup>th</sup> Preakness, its 1 3/16-mile second jewel, is set for Saturday, May 15 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. The 153<sup>rd</sup> running of the Belmont Stakes, the series' 1 ½-mile final leg, is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

Other late Triple Crown nominees: **Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's** UAE Derby (GII) runner-up **Panadol**; **Reddam Racing's** Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) third-place finisher **Hockey Dad**; **Larry Katz'** Turf Paradise Derby winner **It's My House**; **Michael Dubb and Bethlehem Stables'** three-time winner **Maythehorsebwithu**; **Phillip Ward's** stakes-placed **Tiz Mandate**; **MyRacehorse.com**, **Medallion Racing**, **Parkland Thoroughbreds** and **Edward Kelly's** European transfer **Carrothers**; and **Clark M Cooper Family Trust**, **Mia Familia Racing Stable** and **Wade Jacobsen's** two-time winner **Back Ring Luck**.

Any horse not nominated during the early or late phases can become Triple Crown eligible through a supplemental nomination payment due at the time of entry for each Triple Crown race: Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$100,000), and Belmont (\$50,000).

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